

Swedish Doctors Foil Spy's Suicide Attempt

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 25 (UPI) — Swedish doctors today foiled an attempt by Swedish master-spy Col. Stig Wennerstroem to escape justice by swallowing an overdose of drugs in his closely guarded cell.

A spokesman for Stockholm's Southern Hospital said that Wennerstroem, 57, still was unconscious late today, but his life is no longer in danger.

Wennerstroem, a colonel in the air force, confessed last summer that he had been selling Swedish and NATO defense secrets to the Russians for 15 years. He had served as military attache at the Swedish embassies in Moscow and Washington and as military adviser to the Foreign Ministry.

Wennerstroem was found unconscious in his cell at police headquarters where he was held pending trial.

A hospital bulletin said he "showed symptoms of fairly serious poisoning by sedatives." A respirator machine was used.

Interior Minister Rune Johansson ordered a full investigation after a meeting with security police chief George Thulin. Speculation was that Wennerstroem had succeeded in hoarding sleeping pills obtained from guards.

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Spy Takes Overdose

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct. 25 (UPI)—Swedish Air Force Col. Staff Wennerstroem, confessed spy for the Soviet, was unconscious today in a Stockholm hospital from an overdose of sedatives.

Wennerstroem, former Swedish air attache in Washington, was rushed to the hospital yesterday from his maximum security cell at Stockholm police headquarters. Police said he had apparently taken sleeping pills hidden in his cell.

A hospital communique this morning said Wennerstroem's condition was satisfactory and he is expected to regain consciousness by tomorrow morning.